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The Fair Grounds.

It should be remembered by all our citizens, that to-day (Saturday) is designated as the time to attend to setting out trees on the Fair Ground. We trust every citizen will be ready to aid in the work. The trees ought to be out, but don't suffer the work to be done by a few. Let every good citizen come out, with the proper tools and put the work through in good style.

County Seat.

A bill passed the Legislature to the effect that another vote shall be taken in this County in reference to the establishment of the County Seat.

We think it unfortunate that our County should be distracted and divided by a local contest at this time. There has certainly never been a period when we needed to be united more than at the present time.

We think, too, that any candid mind, in looking over the field, will come to the conclusion that it is impossible to benefit the County, as a whole, by any possible result that may follow an election, while there is certainly danger of a dismemberment of the County, in certain contingencies. Under these circumstances, with no possibility of accomplishing any general good, and with a probability of doing a certain and permanent injury, it seems to us very unwise to have such a contest at this juncture of time.

But the bill has been passed, and the vote is to be taken on three weeks from next Monday, every place being open for competition; then a second contest is to come off at the November election between the two points having the highest number of votes at the first election. Thus the matter is to be kept up during the whole season.

We trust, however, that a spirit of candor will characterize the contest. Let the question be settled on its merits; and for the good of the whole County, let us conduct the canvass without bitterness. Let us not increase old enmities, but endeavor to harmonize all things with the general welfare. Action in this matter should proceed from principle, not from passion.

Another thing. Let us try to get something settled. If there is to be agitation forever on these local questions, good men will be deterred from settling in the County, or if already settled, will become disgusted and leave for a location where there is something permanent and to be depended upon. The agitation of these questions unquestionably retard our progress.

Temperance.

Dr. W. C. Goss, of Wisconsin, lectured at the M. E. Church in this place on Tuesday evening last, to a large and attentive audience, with ability and emphasis. He stated facts in a plain, candid and concise manner, and with an earnestness rendering them impressive. We wish him success in his efforts throughout the State.

The meeting adjourned to next Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., for the purpose of organizing a Washingtonian Temperance Society in this place. We trust the house will be full on that occasion, and that every friend of Temperance and morality will be present to aid in the good work.

Shade Trees.

Nothing helps the appearance of a town more than plentiful shade trees along the streets. Any one who has visited the retired part of Hartford, the beautiful city of New Haven, with its arched streets, the large trees overhanging their branches far above his head; the "Forest City," of Lake Erie, and others we could name, will readily realize what a charm shade trees give to a town or city.

Let our citizens take the hint. Put out plenty of shade trees this spring. Have every street studded with them, and they will not only add greatly to the appearance of our village, but enhance the price of property. Any one seeking for a residence would give more for one well shaded than one destitute of shade.

Put out fruit trees, also. They will pay. If you have but one lot, put some fruit upon it. Every bush and tree will yield a rich return.

Edna S. C. Pomeroy and A. C. Wilder have our thanks for public documents.

Remember the Temperance meeting on next Wednesday evening, and be present.

H. G. TURNER, Esq. lost his house, barn, grain, hay, clothing—everything—by the fire which he spoke of before. He is now in town, and all who know themselves indebted to him should come forward and pay up at once. His book and papers were lost with the rest of his goods, and it is a matter of honor with him to pay him what they owe. We presume every one will do so immediately and with pleasure. We give this notice without the Esquire's knowledge, hoping it will help him in this time of need.

Land has raised in value several dollars an acre in this vicinity during the past few months. If the county could once become quiet, and lawlessness and thieving be entirely done away, the whole country would soon put on a new phase.

Frank Pressgrove, of the 11th regiment we believe, who recently died at Aubrey from disease, was brought to this place and buried on Wednesday last with military honors.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for March is another good number of this sterling publication, which has become a standard of excellence in American literature. \$3 a year. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, Mass.

Wind and dust! O for a soaking rain!

The following are appointments recently made in this State on the nomination of the Governor. They are good men:

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State Geologist—B. F. Mudge, of Wyandott county. Commissioners of Immigration—J. L. McDowell and A. Thoman, of Douglas county.

Notice.

The next term of the Kansas State Agricultural College will commence on Wednesday March 9, 1864, with additional professors and increased facilities for instruction.

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JOSEPH DENISON, Pres.

MANHATTAN, KANSAS, Feb., 1864.

The Platte Country Railroad over in Missouri is to be sold on the first Monday in September next, to pay the claim the State has upon it, which is said to be \$850,000. The road is reported to be in a healthy condition, and likely to sell for more than the amount due the State.

The Kansas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church meets in Leavenworth on next Thursday. Bishop Baker is to preside.

The News

Is unsatisfactory in that it is so entirely indefinite. One report speaks of defeat and disaster to our arms, another of success, or of only partial defeat, Sherman has taken Selma and he has not. Our forces have been successful before Dalton and not-defeated in East Tennessee and not—the same on the Rapidan. Longstreet has retreated and he has not. We wish we could get something definite. One real disaster now would be followed by consequences. Better go slow and sure than fast and fail.

Our forces met with a defeat in Florida on the 30th ult.

Township Election.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be an election held in Oskaloosa Township, Jefferson County, Kansas, on Monday the 25th day of March, A. D. 1864, for the purpose of electing one Township Trustee, one Justice of the Peace, (to fill a vacancy), two Constables, and one Road Overseer in each Road District in said township. All who desire to vote at said election, must appear at the polls on the day of said election, on the estate of William Miliken, deceased.

Given under my hand, this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1864. TERRY CRITCHFIELD, Township Trustee.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned will apply to the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, at the next regular term of said Court, to be held on Monday the 4th day of April, A. D. 1864, for permission to surrender the Letters of Administration is and to him by said Court, on the estate of William Miliken, deceased.

SYLVESTER SCOVIL, Administrator of the Estate of William Miliken, deceased.

Administrator's Sale.

By virtue of an order of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, I will sell at private sale, in the town of Grasshopper Falls, in said County, until Saturday, April 2d, 1864, should the goods not be disposed of sooner, the personal property, (or so much thereof as can be sold to advantage,) belonging to the estate of Lewis Stafford, deceased, principally as follows: 2 Work Benches, 1 set Timber's Tools, some Tinware, a quantity of Sheet Tin, (part of it 14 x 20, the rest 10 x 14), 1 Cook Stove, Gridirons, Pots, a lot of Sheet Iron, Bucket ears and Rivets; 2 Iron Heaters, a lot of Solder and Rosin, 35 lbs. Stamped Copper Bottoms, 1 set Union Scales, etc.

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STATE OF KANSAS, ss. County of Jayawanna.

Mary F. Lane, Plaintiff, vs. Hugh Cameron, Thomas Arnold and F. J. Ribbie, Defendants.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed and delivered, issued out of the First District Court of the State of Kansas, sitting in and for Jefferson County in said State, I will, on Saturday, April 9th, A. D. 1864, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M., of said day, at the Court House Door in the village of Oskaloosa, in the County of Oskaloosa, State of Kansas, offer at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest of the above named defendants in and to the following described property, to-wit:

The north-west quarter of section thirty-two (32) in township nine (9) of range twenty (20), of Delaware Trust Lands, in said county of Jefferson and State of Kansas.

Said above described property has been appraised at twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200).

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184-5w HORACE GIBBS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Oskaloosa, March 1, 1864.

Wilson Shannon, Atty. for Plt.

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